

Virginia Board of Veterinary Medicine Medical Record Keeping

At its February 3, 2005 meeting, the Virginia Board of Veterinary Medicine developed general guidelines for its licensees regarding medical records. The primary goal of such guidelines is the protection of the patient as well as the public and to ensure that the practitioner is providing a minimum standard of care in daily practice.

Records should contain at a minimum:

- Presenting complaint/reason for contact;
- Physical examination findings if appropriate;
- Tests performed;
- Procedures performed/treatment given;
- Drugs (and their dosages) administered;
- Drugs (and their dosages) dispensed.

The Board is charged with upholding a minimum standard of care, and the above guidelines are intended to assist Virginia's veterinary practitioners to achieve that goal.